

# What's New in the City



## City of Natchitoches



### Miss Merry Christmas & Belles named

The 2012 Miss Merry Christmas and Christmas Belles have been named.

Melanie Maggio, a senior at St. Mary's High School, was selected as this year's Miss Merry Christmas. Those selected as Christmas Belles are Emilie King, Kaitlynn Bedgood, Sarah Funderburk, Lindsay Lee, Courtney Rachal, Camille Lott, and Faith Stanfield.

These young ladies, all Natchitoches Parish high

school seniors, will represent Natchitoches at various festi-

mas Festival and Festival of Lights.



The 2012 Miss Natchitoches Teen was also crowned at the Natchitoches Queen's Pageant.

Miss Natchitoches Teen is Maygan Baker, a junior at Natchitoches Central High School. Maygan will help serve as an ambassador to the City of Natchitoches at various events and festivals.

vals and events around the state to promote the 86th Annual Natchitoches Christ-

mas Festival and Festival of Lights.

### 50's Classic Car Show to be held October 5 & 6

The Historic District Business Association is hosting the 6th Annual "Return to the 50s" Classic Car Show on Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6, 2012. The event will feature more than 350 vintage cars prior to 1980 displayed along historic Front Street overlooking scenic Cane River Lake.

Friday's activities begin at 5 p.m. and include live entertainment and a fish fry to be held on the downtown riverbank. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Dickens & Co., located at

524 Front Street in Natchitoches. Friday's entertainment will be provided by the



Voodudes from Shreveport, LA. Classic cars will be on display.

The classic cars will be on display from 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. on Saturday. Saturday's entertainment lineup will feature nine different bands that will perform on three different stages. Admission is free.

In addition to the Classic Car Show, the Natchitoches Regional Airport will host a fly-in at the airport on Saturday. For more information about the fly-in, please call Natchitoches Regional Airport at (318)352-0994.

For more information about the fish fry call Sandra Dickens at Dickens & Co. (318) 352-1993.

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#### Did you know?

- The Christmas lights will be turned on for the first time this season on Saturday, Nov. 17. on that day, we will also celebrate the closing of the Bicentennial with a day full of entertainment, capped off by a performance by Tab Benoit..
- Some tarps on the downtown riverbank are still available for rent during the Natchitoches Christmas Festival on Saturday, Dec. 1. Tarps are \$60 each and most hold eight adults and two to three children. Call the City Recreation Department at (318) 357-3891 for more information.
- Frosty's Avalanche Slide (a 110 ft. snow hill) will be setup on the downtown riverbank on: Nov. 23 & 24, Dec. 14-16 and December 21-23.

## Fall Green Market Scheduled



The Cane River Green Market will host several fall markets this season.

The fall markets will be held on October 13, 20, 27 and November 3. All fall markets will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on the downtown riverbank.

The fall markets will feature fresh produce, value-added items and crafts. Special events in October include musical performances, free Zumba classes, and more. The

first 100 children under the age of 10 who visit the Fall Green Market will receive a Cane River Green Market t-shirt.

For more information about any fall market or special events taking place, or to become a vendor, please call the Green Market office at 352-CRGM or visit the market online at: [www.canerivergreenmarket.com](http://www.canerivergreenmarket.com) or become a fan on Facebook/Cane River Green Market.

## Christmas Festival Poster Unveiled

The Natchitoches Arts Council has unveiled the 2012 Natchitoches Christmas Festival Poster.

This year's poster artist is Natchitoches resident Anna Dieter. Posters are on sale for \$35 each and can be purchased at the City's Office of Community Development at 420 Fourth St.



For information about this year's poster or any other poster, call the Office of Community Development at 357-3839.

## Miss Natchitoches Teen 2012

Shown below is the 2012 Miss Natchitoches Teen Maygan Baker, a junior at Natchitoches Central High School.

Miss Natchitoches Teen assists Miss Merry Christmas and the Belles with various events

during the Festival of Lights.



## Reading on the River Needs Books!

Reading on the River needs donations of new or gently used children's books. If you have one child's book or boxes full of well-maintained children's books that are not being used at your house, please donate them to Reading on the River. You will find collection boxes at any branch of Bank of Montgomery, First United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Waskom and Brown or NSU Elementary Lab School.

Reading on the River will be held this fall on the beautiful downtown Natchitoches riverfront. Save the date and look forward to some wonderful fun-filled family activities on Saturday, November 10, 2012 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. If you have attended before, you can look forward to all new activities and free books to be given away to children 0-8-years-old. If you have not had the opportu-

nity to attend in the past, you are in for something really special! There will be fun book-related activities that children will love and during all of the fun the children will never realize that they are gaining important reading skills. At the same time, parents will get great ideas for activities they can use at home and on-the-run that will help their child to be a better reader.

Pictured dropping off a book collection box at Bank of Montgomery are Service League members Kelly Savell, Carrie Beth Hough, Tracy Maxey, Lisa Prudhomme and Linda Black.



## Natchitoches Treasures

NATCHITOCHES – The City of Natchitoches is seeking nominations for its 2012 Natchitoches Treasures.

The Natchitoches Treasures are a group of Natchitoches residents of retirement age who have made a lasting contribution to the community through their generosity, service, volunteerism or spirit.

Natchitoches Treasures were previously selected in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011.

Individuals can be nominated by members of the Natchitoches community. Nomination forms may be picked up at the City of Natchitoches' Main Street Office, located at 781 Front Street. To have

an application emailed to you, please email Cassy Thompson at [information@natchitochesla.gov](mailto:information@natchitochesla.gov) or Lisa Cooley at [lcooley@natchitochesla.gov](mailto:lcooley@natchitochesla.gov).

Nominations should be submitted to the City's Main Street Office no later than Friday, October 5 at 4:30 p.m. A recognition ceremony to honor this year's Natchitoches Treasures will be held on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 3 p.m. at the Natchitoches Events Center.

For more information about the Natchitoches Treasures, please call the Office of Programming and Promotions at 357-3822 or 352-2746.

## 58th Tour of Homes Oct. 12-14

### *Tour to feature historic homes in area*

The Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches will sponsor the annual Natchitoches Pilgrimage Oct. 12-14. Three tours will be offered this year. The Candlelight Tour will be held on Friday, Oct. 12 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and will feature Green Gables, the Steel Magnolia House, and the Pruhomme Rouquier House. The Town Tour is on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and features the Metoyer-Brown House, Roselawn, Sweet Cane Inn and the Ducournau Townhouse. The Cane River Country Tour will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Homes on this tour are Melrose Plantation, Oakland Plantation and Cherokee Plantation. Tours are \$25 per person and discounts are available. For information about the tour or to purchase tickets, call the Tourist Commission at (800) 259-1714 or visit: [www.natchitoches.net](http://www.natchitoches.net).



**Steel Magnolia House**

## Oakland Plantation to Host Tours and Demonstrators During Fall Tour Week-

Tourists have been coming to Oakland Plantation long before the National Park Service acquired the property in 1994. Since 1954, Oakland has been featured in the annual Fall Tour of Homes. This year's fall tour will take place on October 13 and 14 from 8am-4pm. On a typical day park rangers provide guided tours, but during the Fall Tour, the Prud'homme family returns to their ancestral home. Three generations of Prud'hommes will be on hand giving tours, and interacting with the public.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to visit with former Oakland resident Elvin Shields. Elvin and his family were sharecroppers at Oakland in the 1950's. Today Elvin is a locally renowned folk artist, known for his "Plantation Toys". Elvin will be at Oakland to talk about his childhood memories and show off examples of the toys he and his brother would have played with.

On Saturday only, visitors will get to visit with master herbalist, Dawn Hendrix. Dawn will be on hand to discuss natural herbal remedies used by slaves and pioneers. She will be bringing examples of frequently used dried plants, roots, and a home-made pine tar salve.

Sunday's event will feature blacksmith demonstrator

Marty Young from the LSUS Pioneer Heritage Center. Marty will be showing off his skills while interpreting the importance of the community blacksmith.

There's truly something for everyone at this year's fall tour. Even if you've been to Oakland before, you will not want to miss this special weekend. There is no entrance fee to visit Oakland, it's FREE!

To reach Oakland Plantation, take I-49 to Exit 127, Flora/Cypress. Head east on LA Highway 120 toward Cypress. Once you reach the LA Highway 1 intersection cross over LA Highway 1 onto LA Highway 494. The parking lot and entrance pavilion for Oakland are 4.5 miles east of Highway 1 on the left.



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## Go Demons!



## Witch Way to Main Street Oct. 31

The City of Natchitoches will provide a safe environment for trick-or-treaters during Witch Way to Main Street on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

The downtown Halloween event will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Natchitoches Historic District.

Children 12 years old and under, who are in costume, are invited to trick-or-treat on Front Street. Children must be ac-

companied by their parents.

Children will be able to visit with different organizations who have set up booths along Front Street.

For more information about Witch Way to Main Street or if your organization would like to get involved, please call the Natchitoches

Main Street Office at 352-2746.



## Upcoming holidays and important events

Oct. 1 – Historic District Commission meeting at the Natchitoches Arts Center at 5 p.m.

Oct. 2 – Natchitoches Planning and Zoning Commission meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center.

Oct. 5 & 6 – Return to the 50s Classic Car Show on Front Street

Oct. 6 – NSU Demons vs. Lamar at 2 p.m.

Oct. 8 – Natchitoches City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center.

Oct. 12-14 – 58th Annual Natchitoches Pilgrimage.

Oct. 13 – Fall Cane River Green Market from 8 a.m. to noon on

the downtown riverbank.

Oct. 15 – Airport Commission meeting at 5 p.m. at City the Natchitoches Arts Center.

Oct. 18 – Natchitoches Historic District Development Commission at 10 a.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center.

Oct. 20 – Cane River Green Market from 8 a.m. to noon on the downtown riverbank.

Oct. 22 – Natchitoches City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center.

Oct. 26 – NSU Homecoming



Pep Rally on downtown riverbank.

October 27 – Cane River Green Market from 8 a.m. to noon on the downtown riverbank.

October 27 – NSU Demons vs. Nicholls at 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 31 – Halloween; Witch Way to Main Street from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.



